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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR MC CONAUGHY

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TAGS: BFOL, ETRD, TW

SUBJ: GRC INTEREST IN PURCHASING 3,000 TRUCKS FROM U.S.

REF: URTEL 1754

1. EVEN IN FINAL DAYS OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS AMBASSADOR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN GETTING REQUEST OF PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO FOR 3,000 TRUCKS SOLIDLY ON THE TRACK. SPECIFICALLY: (A) WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED SPECIFICATIONS FROM GRC. DIRECTOR, BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE WONG I-TING ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED DUTY OF DOING SO BY PREMIER. H.K. CHAO NOW RESPONSIBLE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EXPEDITING TRANSMISSION OF SPECS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (B) THERE IS AN APPARENT CONFLICT BETWEEN PREMIER'S MESSAGE THAT HE WISHES TRUCKS BE PURCHASED IN U.S. AND STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO I.S. SUN, GENERAL MANAGER, CENTRAL TRUST OF CHINA, IN PARAGRAPH 4, URTEL 1754, STATING "TRUCKS WILL BE PURCHASED ON BASIS OF WORLDWIDE TENDER." WOULD YOU PLEASE RECONCILE THIS APPARENT CONFLICT. OBVIOUS PREFERENCE IS PURCHASE FROM U.S.

2. PRELIMINARY REVIEW INDICATES SMALLER TRUCKS 1/2 TON UP TO 2 1/2 TONS DELIVERABLE IN SMALL QUANTITIES IN 90 DAYS. LARGE
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TRUCKS 10 TONS AND OVER, DELIVERY 12 MONTHS AND BEYOND. INTER-

MEDIATE SIZES, MORE THAN 90 DAYS. MODEL CHANGEOVER SCHEDULED
IN 30 TO 60 DAYS. THEREFORE, PROMPT RECEIPT OF SPECS AND FIRM
ORDERS WITH LETTER OF CREDIT ESSENTIAL.

3. TRIP HOME WAS EASY. I REMAIN GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COURTESIES
AND IMMENSELY RESPECTFUL OF THE JOB YOU HAVE DONE IN REPUBLIC
OF CHINA AND DURING THE PAST FORTY-THREE YEARS.
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